

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 899

By Harper

A RESOLUTION to commend Aisha Jamille Battle for exemplary service as a legislative intern.

WHEREAS, each legislative session this body is pleased to recognize certain persons who have committed themselves, through their adroit service, to the betterment of the legislative process; and

WHEREAS, Aisha Battle is one such individual who has distinguished herself in her role as a legislative intern for Senator Thelma Harper; Aisha's work has resulted in innumerable benefits for the legislators she assisted and the General Assembly as a whole; and

WHEREAS, a student at the University of Tennessee, where she is highly regarded by her peers, Aisha has achieved academic success, by making the Dean's List at the University of Tennessee, while majoring in political science and participating in numerous extracurricular activities, including the Volunteer Honor Society, Omicron Delta Kappa, and the Political Science Honor Society, Pi Sigma Alpha, in addition to Clinic Vols, Women's Coordinating Council, and the CLEO Sophomore Summer Program; and

WHEREAS, eager to familiarize herself with the characteristics and complexities of Tennessee state government and to further her studies, Ms. Battle brought her many abilities and singular expertise to Capitol Hill for the 2008 session of the One Hundred Fifth General Assembly; and

WHEREAS, she has a wealth of experience in politics and government, working assiduously as an intern for Congressman Stephen Cohen and Congressman Harold Ford, Jr., writing congressional records, completing research, and various other duties; she also participated in the Presidential Classroom program in Washington, D.C., serving as a program assistant by organizing and running the student services office, aiding in logistics, and working as the Law and Justice Week Coordinator and Scholarship Coordinator; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Battle was recently accepted to the Vanderbilt University School of Law and plans to pursue a law degree there this fall, where she will add to her experience in the legal profession that was accrued as a student intern for Circuit Court Judge Gwen Rooks; and

WHEREAS, throughout the 2008 legislative session, Aisha Battle has surpassed all criteria that define a devoted and conscientious legislative intern; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Battle has performed her many duties with extraordinary insight and rare decorum; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we hereby commend Aisha Jamille Battle for outstanding service as a legislative intern for Senator Harper and extend to her our best wishes for every future success.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.